

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed February 23, 2004. Claims 1, 5-11 and 56 remain pending in the present application. Claim 56 has been amended herein. Consideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims in light of the foregoing amendment and following remarks are respectfully requested.

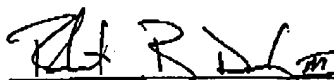
The current Office Action alleges that the Applicants' Response to a prior Office Action (Paper No. 18, mailed July 29, 2003) did not sufficiently address that prior Office Action's rejection of claim 56 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph. The Office Action voices no such concerns regarding the other pending claims addressed in Applicants' Response to the July 2003 Office Action.

Applicants traverse this position of the current Office Action, and submit that their previous Response, filed November 26, 2003, was a full and complete Response to the prior Office Action, and that claim 56 as presented in the November 26, 2003 response was in proper form for allowance.

Applicants note that as previously stated in the July 2003 Office Action, the currently pending claims are allowable over the prior art. In order to facilitate allowance of this application, Applicants have amended claim 56 to conform to the language suggested by the July 2003 Office Action. Applicants submit that this amendment contained herein is not needed for or related to the patentability of the claims, and that the current amendment obviates the arguments raised in the current Office Action regarding the sufficiency of Applicants' November 26 Response.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 384-2838.

Respectfully submitted,



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